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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 1600**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Nobuyuki Itoh et al.  
Application No. : 09/801,968  
Filed : March 7, 2001  
For : HUMAN FGF-23 GENE AND GENE EXPRESSION PRODUCTS

Examiner : Christine J. Saoud  
Art Unit : 1647  
Docket No. : 60219-4/PP-17150.001  
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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months to expire on April 21, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the required fee. Please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.